**Opening:** Sgt at Arms, Otis Archie, donning a very large sombrero, wished us a happy Cinco de Mayo.

**Song:** In honor of Cinco de Mayo, (celebrating the Mexican Army’s unlikely victory over French forces at the Battle of Puebla on May 5, 1862), we were treated to La Cucaracha by San Simeon Beach Bar & Grill employee, Luis Padilla.

**Flag Salute:** Jim Zuur led us in reciting the “Pledge of Allegiance”

**Invocation:** Vera Wallen recited a quote by Eda Le Shan, “The best thing about being human is our capacity to be creative and spontaneous”.

**Lucky Buck:** Dick Cameron won the lucky buck, donating it to polio.

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**UPCOMING MEETINGS/EVENTS:**

- **May 09**, Tue., *Club Social*, Patti Griffin Studio, 1601 Main, 4:00—6:00 pm. BYOB!!
- **May 12**, Community Service Mtg, 11:00, Lodge Lounge.
- **May 17**, Wed., *Foundation Board Mtg*, 5:00 pm, Lodge.
- **May 18**, Thu., *Club Board Mtg*, 5:30 pm, Lodge.
- **May 20**, Sat., *Spaghetti Fundraiser* for AFS student Holly McCoffie, Vet’s Hall, 1:00—5:00 pm.
- **Jun 01**, Thu., *Tip-A-Cop Dinner*, 5:00 pm and 7:00 pm, Vet’s hall. See Sue Robinson for tickets.
- **Jun 06**, Tue., *New Member Orientation* for Julie Jenkins, 5:30 pm at the Robinson’s-3141 Wood Drive. BYOB, RSVP to sueincambria@gmail.com.

**UPCOMING SPEAKERS:**

- **May 12**, Dr. Joe, “Interactions of Trauma and Long Term Incarceration”.
- **May 19**, Nancy Foley, “War in the Woods”
- **May 26**, VIVA Planning Team, Status update.
- **June 02**, Mystery Guest, You do not want to miss this!
- **June 09**, Chris Fischer & Dennis Frahmman, History of the Scarecrow Festival.
- **June 23**, DARK—Step-Down Party!
Today’s Guests:
We were joined today by Alan McKinnon’s better half, Theresa, and Donna Crocker’s husband, Julian (aka Julio).

We love to have guests attend our meetings. It is fun to meet new people, chat with old friends and show off the “Best Rotary Club in the World”. So, please continue to visit or to bring guests. But, PLEASE let us know ahead of time that you are coming or that you are bringing a guest. The staff at the Lodge or San Simeon Beach Bar & Grill will be most grateful if they have an accurate head count so they can be sure to have enough places set and food prepared. Contact Vera Wallen at 995-3334 or email her at jwallen@charter.net no later than 9 a.m. on meeting day to let her know you are coming.

President’s Messages & Announcements:

- President Sharon welcomed us all to San Simeon Beach Bar & Grill and thanked Miguel Sandoval and his staff for their hospitality. She also reported that there will be a Master PRLS class in Santa Maria on May 13 (Class 1 & 3) and June 17 (Classes 2, 4 & 5). Contact Sharon for more information if you are interested in attending.

- Vera Wallen & Richard Torcia announced that, for the first time in 10 years, Cambria is sending a student to study abroad. Holly McCaffie has dreamed of studying in Spain and to become a part of AFS, to foster peace and understanding through student exchange. A Spaghetti Fundraiser will be held on May 20th from 1-5 at the Vet’s Hall to help her realize her dream.

- Miguel Hernandez presented a banner from the Rotary Club of Doral, FL.

- Patty Griffin updated us on the Creative Show & Tell Club Social on Tuesday, May 9. and reminded us that is OUR SOCIAL. So come on out and have fun!! BYOB.

- Donna Crocker invited everyone to attend the Cambria Chorale’s Spring Concert on Mother’s Day at 2:00 pm at the Presbyterian Church. Donna has tickets for those who are interested.

- Looking for a good time, great food, lots of laughs, and mediocre service all for a good cause? Sue Robinson has tickets for the June 1st Tip A Cop Dinner at the Vet’s Hall. Just $25 for chicken and tri-tip dinner with salad and wine or beer and dessert.

- Judy Schuster announced that the San Luis Obispo Museum of Art will be showcasing By The Sea: Ceramics by Patricia Griffin from May 5 – July 2, 2017. Griffin’s new body of artwork features colorful graphic interpretations of plants, animals, and rhythms of Griffin’s natural environment. Be sure to check it out.

- Roger Robinson told us that, due to the talents of Linda Sherman, our club now has a newly updated website (cambriarotary.org) which also has links to information about this year’s VIVA! Check out the information about the Grand Raffle on the website. It is awesome. Roger also announce that we have already received responses to the donation letters from 5 wineries.
**SHERIFF DICK:**

Sheriff Dick received a very interesting letter, addressed to Sheriff Dick, via US Mail this week. In it was a photo of our beloved Fine Master, with an unidentified woman at an undisclosed location. But, that is not the whole story. Said Fine Master was photographed without a pin!! $10 fine. The Sheriff also caught Steve Ormondroyd at COSTCO without his pin. And, since this was his third offence, the fine was $20.

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**Fine Master:** The Fine Master promised to spare no expense in his search of the whistle blower who ratted him out. There will be a hefty fine to pay.

**Member Birthdays:** We enthusiastically sang the birthday song to Joan Broadhurst (May 2) and Sue Robinson (April 30). Joan paid off her pledge and Sue paid $29 for her age plus postage and handling.

**Partner’s Birthdays:** Roger paid an amount equal to wife, Sue’s actual age.

**Wedding Anniversaries:** Alan McKinnon celebrated 50 years with his lovely wife Theresa. He said the secret to long marriage is love and persistence. He paid $50 in honor of his anniversary. Richard Torcia recently celebrated 46 years with his wife, Lona and paid an appropriate fine of $46.

**Children’s Birthdays:** Kate Perry paid $30 in honor of her son, Jason’s 30th birthday.

**Late Fines:** Rick Low, Chris Cameron, Chuck Forester, Julie Hastings and Mary Ann Carson were each fined $5 for being late.

**Misc. Fines:** Jim Zuur was fined for showing off photos of himself with Olympians Ryan Lochte, (the bad boy from Brazil) and Nathan Adrias. Jim, who is off to Budapest for the World Championship, donated an additional $100 to the Neal Jensen Fund as a fine.

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**Presentation: CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocates)**

Barbara Burns introduced Melanie Barket, North County Program Manager for CASA of San Luis Obispo. CASA recruits, trains and supervises volunteers from the community to advocate for abused and neglected children who are under the jurisdiction of the court at no fault of their own.

More than 400 children in San Luis Obispo County are under court jurisdiction because they were abused, neglected, or abandoned by someone they should have been able to rely on to keep them safe. All are in need of a permanent, nurturing home. Too many spend years moving from one temporary home to another with no family to call their own. They are more likely than other children to face homelessness, unemployment and prison as adults. It is the goal of CASA that every one of these children receive the care and services they need to thrive and to see them placed in a safe and loving forever home. Go to their website at [www.slocasa.org](http://www.slocasa.org) to learn more about this wonderful organization.

A fundraiser, Hope for the Future, is being held on June 3rd at the Paso Robles Inn where guests will dine in elegance and savor local wines. The event will raise funds to expand its presence and help the abused and neglected children in North County. For more information or to purchase tickets, go to [https://www.slocasa.org/event-details.php?id=17](https://www.slocasa.org/event-details.php?id=17).

President Sharon presented a check for $400 to CASA on behalf of our Club’s Community Service Committee.
Volunteer Quote of the Week

“Don’t ever question the value of volunteers. Noah’s Ark was built by volunteers; the Titanic was built by professionals.” ~author unknown

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2017 Viva News

Volunteers are still need to solicit donations from both wineries and craft breweries. If you belong to a wine club or know a winery owner and would be willing to contact them to ask for a wine donation, please let Roger know.

Can’t make it to our Friday meeting? Want a large salad instead of the regular meal? Bringing a guest? Want to sign on as a note-taker?

Call Vera at 995-3334 or email her at: jvwallen@charter.net

Please “LIKE” us on Facebook by clicking on: on our Club’s page: “Cambria Rotary”

Facebook is free. The more “LIKES” we get, the more Rotary’s word spreads! This is free publicity!

If you have anything you would like share in the newsletter regarding club activities, upcoming events, help needed, etc., let Sue know. (927-2597 or sueincambria@gmail.com).
The Rotary Club of Cambria Foundation, Inc. (our Foundation) is a qualified 501(c)(3) entity that has established a permanent endowment fund, the goal of which is to ultimately generate income sufficient to ease the pressure of fundraising.

Our Foundation receives the proceeds of fundraisers (e.g. VIVA, Chili Cook-Off Beer Booth, 4th Of July Smoothie Booth) and allocates those proceeds by formula among the Rotary Club Of Cambria (our Club) Avenues of Service and the permanent endowment fund. Some of the income generated by the endowment is also allocated to the Club Avenues of Service.

Note that our Club member’s annual dues are remitted to Rotary International and our District 5240 for dues, and that our Club member’s annual pledges are used for the operating expenses of our Club. Neither your dues nor your pledge go through or to our Foundation.

Note also that our Foundation is separate from TRF (The Rotary Foundation), which was established by Rotary International and is involved in worldwide projects such as the eradication of polio.

**Foundation Endowment:**

**Neal Jensen Fellowship** - $1,000 donation to our Foundation’s endowment fund. Thank you to the following Rotarians who have joined the Neal Jenson Fellowship.

- Carol Alexander
- Dan Balfe
- Joan Broadhurst
- Bonnie Cameron
- Tim and Nancy Carr
- Christel Chesney
- Del Clegg
- John Ehlers
- Michael Griffin
- Patrick Hampton
- Sharon Lynn Harvey
- Bruce and Jane Howard
- Neal Jensen
- Bob Kasper
- Rick D. Low
- Paul McDonnell
- Nancy Mckarney
- Ed Pearce
- Gerry Porter
- Paula Porter
- Dennis Rightmer
- Greg Sanders
- Jim Zuur

**Neal Jensen Circle** - $100/year sustaining membership to our Foundation’s endowment fund. Thank you to the following Rotarians who have joined the Neal Jensen Circle.

- Elaine Beckham
- Chris Cameron
- Christel Chesney
- Donna Crocker
- Chuck Forester
- Patty Griffin
- Mike Griffin
- Miguel Hernandez
- Bruce Howard
- Jane Howard
- Bob Kasper
- Rick Low
- Janet Meyers
- Mike O’Sullivan
- Karen Pelle
- Ron and Kate Perry
- Dennis Rightmer
- Roger & Sue Robinson
- Greg Sanders
- Miguel Sandoval
- Judy Schuster
- Linda Sherman
- Belinda Troutner
- Dennis White

If you would like more information about either of these Foundation Endowments or are interested in joining either, please contact Mike Griffin.
Rotary Club of Cambria Foundation (continued)

**Board Members:**
- Nancy Carr, President
- Mike Griffin, Secretary
- Gerry Porter, Treasurer
- Steve Ormondroyd, VP
- Bruce Howard, Director
- Gail Ortenburger, Director
- Chris Cameron, Director
- Chuck Foerster, Director
- Mike O’Sullivan, Director

- **Meeting Dates:**
  3rd Wed. of the month, 5pm, Cambria Pines Lodge - check with Board President to confirm.

- **Access to Box.com:**
  If you would like to view Foundation Minutes, Agendas, Financials, By-Laws, etc., contact the Board President for access information.

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Patty needs a recruiter to take sign-ups, a show curator to receive and manage entrees at the studio on May 8, from 1 to 6pm. Please contact Patty if you can help with this fun event.

If you are willing to provide an appetizer, please contact Sue Robinson who will be coordinating the food.